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mittee were so limited that even very important measures had to be put off. In these circumstances, the Town Improvement Committee could not be expected to provide the requisite water-supply for purposes of drainage. He prayed that Government might be pleased to take early steps for the supply of water to the town and that no more masonry drains be constructed without first having the means for flushing them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

NEYYATTINKARA TALUK.

116. *Improvement of the Kannipurathu kadavu.*

Mr. P. Kesava Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) requested that the Kannipurathu kadavu near the Neyyattinkara satrom might be improved. In its present state, the kadavu was dangerous and caused inconvenience to the people of Perunkadavila, Kunnathukal and other pakuthies as well as to those resorting to the satrom.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate is being prepared by the Public Works department.

NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

117. *Improvement of irrigation tanks.*

Mr. Mathevan Pillai (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that, owing to the neglected condition of the irrigation tanks, there was frequent failure of crops in the taluk. Both the ryots and the Government suffered in consequence. He requested that, till the existing irrigation tanks were restored, Government might be pleased to sanction annual allotments for the taluk and added that, after repair, the ryots would themselves see to their proper maintenance.

Mr. K. Appathura Iyer (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) supported the previous speaker.

Dewan's reply.—I shall give the matter my careful consideration.

CHIRAYINKIL TALUK.

118. *Removal of the silt at the mouth of the Vamanapuram river.*

Mr. K. N. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) said that the grievances of the ryots, owing to the absence of proper arrangements for the prompt removal of the silt which accumulated at the mouth of the Vamanapuram river, had been represented at the previous sessions of the Assembly. The river joined the sea at the Anjengo backwater and the frequent accumulation of silt affected the cultivation of lands in six proverthies of the Chirayinkil taluk and of two proverthies of the Trivandrum taluk. A sum of Rs. 50 used to be annually provided for the

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purpose, but there was no proper agency to spend the money and remove the evil in time. In several years, the amounts lapsed to Government. The Member therefore suggested that the allotment might be transferred to the Public Works department and that department entrusted with the work along with the canal excavation, which was under its charge.

Dewan's reply.—The Revenue and Public Works departments will be asked why these and similar works should not be transferred from the former to the latter.

119. Raising the standard of the Attingal English and Vernacular schools.

Mr. V. Narayana Iyer (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) requested that the English and Vernacular Middle Schools at Attungal might be raised to the High School standard. In the English school, the highest class is at present the IV Form, with an average attendance of 20 boys. With the abolition of the Chirayinkil Middle School, the number of boys in the school had increased. The boys of the highest class were generally not above 14 years of age and it was neither desirable, in the interests of the boys themselves, nor possible for their poor parents, to send the children at such an age to Trivandrum or Quilon. The school was also self-supporting. It was therefore desirable to raise the standard of the school. As regards the Vernacular school, the Member observed that Attungal was a convenient centre for Vernacular education. There were five Vernacular schools in the taluk and about 100 boys usually appeared for the Vernacular Middle School Examination from the taluk every year. Since it was the poor among the people that generally stopped with Vernacular education, and in view of the possible scope for higher education in the taluk as mentioned above, the Member requested that the Vernacular school might also be raised to the High School grade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The consideration of all the subjects being over, Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalai (Member, Quilon Taluk) spoke as follows:—

"Sir,—On behalf of the representatives in this Assembly of the people of Travancore, I pray you to convey our feelings of deep loyalty and devotion to His Highness our Gracious Maharaja, than whom no more loving and beneficent Sovereign has ruled over this ancient land. This session of the Assembly has been distinguished beyond its predecessors by the presence, on all the days of its sitting, of the British

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